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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 AND 1.97

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified
application, kindly amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph:

-- This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C.
§ 119 from German patent applications Serial Nos.
P 4408629.6, filed March 9, 1994; P 4435366.9, filed September
22, 1994; P 4438821.7, filed October 19, 1994. --